




The Right Friends


September 9, 2018

Acts 15:36-41 • Message 4

CALL TO WORSHIP PSALM 147:1, 3-7 • PRAY • REVIEW

Review the Rules

 RULE 1: Someone has to offer: "Will you join me?"

 RULE 2: Someone has to respond: "I'm with you!"

CONSIDER JONATHAN • ELIJAH • DANIEL ET AL.

REMEMBER WHEN I SAID, DON'T LEAVE ANYONE HANGING? • TODAY, WE SEE WHEN IT'S GOOD!

New Rule

A commitment to friendship does not mean a
commitment to **EVERY FRIENDSHIP**.

Paul, Barnabas, Mark & Silas

Barnabas and Saul / Paul — Acts (p. 514)

ACTS 4:33-37, 8:3, 9:1-4, 9:20, 9:26-27, 11:19-24

ACTS 11:25-26, 27-30, 12:25-13:3, 13:4-13, 15:1-2

HOW IMPORTANT THEY WERE TO THE CHURCH, HOW IMPORTANT BARNABAS TO PAUL

Barnabas lifted Paul so high,

Paul **OVERSHADOWED** him.

IT'S EASY TO BE PAUL • WAIT FOR SOMEONE TO SEE YOUR POTENTIAL • ME, COACHEES, ETC.

IT'S HARD TO BE BARNABAS • REACH OUT TO SOMEONE NO ONE ELSE WILL.

The Conflict — Acts 15:36-41

THREE PERSPECTIVES ON THE STORY


BOTH WRONG, SIN OF ANGER AND DISUNITY → CHRISTIAN FRIENDSHIPS SHOULDN'T END THIS WAY
EITHER OR, BLAME ONE → PAUL OR BAR SHOULD WE GIVE UP ON PEOPLE?LUKE DOESN'T JUDGE • EACH MAN TEAMS UP AGAIN • EACH MAN IS WILDLY SUCCESSFUL
PHILIPPI, THESSALONICA, CORINTH, EPHESUS, LUKE •• COL 4:10, 2 TIM 4:11, 1 PET 5:12-13

 For Paul, the **GENTILES** were the mission.

 For Barnabas, **MARK** and **PAUL** were the mission.

Connect your **MISSION** to your
RELATIONSHIPS.

Take it Home

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 Do I have the right relationships for it?




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